दर्ज करानी होती हैं । खाद्य एवं नागरिक आपूर्ति विभाग के अधिकारी प्रत्येक शिकायत की छानबीन करते हैं । मतभेद वाले मामलों की जांच एक समिति द्वारा की जाती है, जिसमें खाद्य एवं नागरिक आपूर्ति विभाग, दिल्ली राज्य नागरिक आपूर्ति निगम तथा भारतीय खाद्य निगम के अधिकारी एवं उचित दर दुकानधारियों के संगठन के प्रतिनिधि होते हैं ।

Flaws in Public Distribution System

3275. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any flaws in the present Public Distribution System have come to Government's notices, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to make the Public Distribution System more efficient; and effective; and

(c) whether Government propose to fur ther strengthen or widen the public distri bution system in the country, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON SUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRI BUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AH MED) : (a) to (c) The strengthening and streamlining of the Public Distribu tion System (PDS) is a continuous process. Matters connected with the implementa tion of PDS are discussed at the meetings of the Advisory Council on PDS held regularly. The progress achieved and the difficulties encountered in the imple- mentation of PDS are discussed. After discussion at the 13th meeting of Advisory , Council on PDS held in August, 1991 and the Chief Ministers' meeting held in Octo- ber, 1991 the Government initiated steps to improve the reach of the PDS in far-flung, hilly, remote and tribal area* etc. The Government launched a scheme to revamp the PDS for which about 1700 Blocks in the country covered by various area specific programmes were identified. State Governments were asked to take action in this regard.

Substantial progress has been made in the implementation of some points such as opening of fair price shops, issue of additional ration cards and creation of storage capacity. Many State Governments have also made arrangements for door step delivery of PDS items and have reported setting up of village/fair price shop level Vigilance Committeeg for monitoring the supply and availability of PDS items at fair price shops. Central Government has earmarked 2 million tonnes of foodgrains per annum to be allocated to the RPDS Blocks in addition to the allocation already being made to these Blocks in the past by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations concerned. The Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of foodgrains issued to RPDS Blocks are lower by Rs. 50/-per quintal than the CIPs for normal PDS.

Privatisation of Coai Distribution

3276. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have moved towards free distribution of Coal in the country and allowed private trading in this vital commodity under a new distribution scheme;

(b) what are the current rates of each quality of coal in India, State-wise, and the quota allocated to each State by the Central Government;

(c) what are the contents and benefits of the new coal distribution policy and whether Government propose to issue new licences for the scheme; and

(d) what are the details of criteria for obtaining Licence for wholesale trade in coal and the terms and conditions of the